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SUBJ: FONMIN SAYS GREEK-TURKISH PRIME MINISTER TALKS ARE POSSIBLE

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1. SUPPLEMENTING PRIMIN DEMIREL'S STATEMENT (SEPTEL, FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL IS REPORTED BY TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION (TRT) AT 1300 HOURS APRIL 19 TO HAVE TOLD AN AGENCE FRANCE PRESS REPORTER THAT TALKS BETWEEN THE GREEK AND TURKISHPRIME MINISTERS WERE "ALWAYS POSSIBLE". ACCORDING TO THE TRT BROADCAST CAGLAYANGIL SAID, "WE DID NOT REJECT ANY PROPOSAL FOR TALKS HITHERTO; WE DID NOT LOSE ANY OPPORTUNITY OF CONTACT AT WHATEVER LEVEL IT MAY BE. THIS TIME ALSO OUR HONORABLE PRIME MINISTER RECEIVED FAVORABLY THE HONORABLE CARAMANLIS' CALL AND INDICATED THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADEHEBR ITS REALIZATION."

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2. TRT REPORTED THAT CAGLAYANGIL EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS

IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO BEGIN SEEKING A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AT THE PRIME MINISTERS' LEVEL AND POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR CAREFUL AND PAINSTAKING PREPARATIONS FOR SUCH HIGH LEVEL TALKS.

3. THE BROADCAST ALSO STATED THAT CAGLAYANGIL INDICATED THAT THE PRIME MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE IN AGREEMENT TODAY ON THE SUBJECT OF STARTING PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS TO CONCLUDE A NON-AGRESSION PACT AND REDUCE TENSION. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD EXAMINE MEANS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMFBM CAGLAYANGIL SAID, "I PERSONALLY HAVE CHOSEN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSING OPENLY OUR PROBLEMS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY WITH MY GREEK COLLEAGUE BITSIOS. BOTH SIDES HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THIS. TODAY ALSO I AM PREPARED FOR SUCH CONTACTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE IDEAS AND PRINCIPLES PUT FORWARD BY OUR HONORABLE PRIME MINISTER."

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